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31 January 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] 25X1

FROM: DCI

SUBJECT: Worldwide Briefing

1. Have Charlie Allen elaborate on the following into a page or a page and a half of my worldwide testimony:

-- Working with the Soviets sometimes along parallel lines and sometimes with a degree of support of direction, we have to count the radical Arab states of Iran, Syria and Libya. They work together insidiously in their common interests and against US interests in the Persian Gulf, in Lebanon, in North Africa, and recently in Latin America. State-supported terrorism is their major instrument of policy. We all remember too well their recent successes; there is no need to recount them here. What I do want to bring to your attention is the expanded scope of their influence and potential impact. Libya and Iran are providing arms and funds to Nicaragua and Libya is similarly engaged elsewhere in South America and Iran is evidently seeking to join forces there. Libya is omnipresent with its formal partnership with Morocco, current efforts to develop similar efforts with Tunisia, Sudan and Somalia, and they are under pressure of their internal economic and political troubles and animated by Libyan pressure and support for internal insurgencies.

-- A little more on specific Libyan and Iranian activity in areas of security interest to us.

-- Syria is the most sophisticated practitioner of state terrorism. Witness Lebanon - relationship with the more aggressive Iran and Libya, at least to the extent of toleration and technical guidance of their activities, potential threats against Jordan and the other moderate Arab states.

-- Increased coordination of terrorist groups against NATO interests in Europe. Prospect that Lebanon will again become a center of international terrorism activity. [redacted] 25X1

2. Have a paragraph or two developed on the attached pages from today's PDB.

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